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### ***1. Current progress of the program.***

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After three field trips to the Maya Region, during September 2003, November and December 2003 we continue with the periodical technical and administrative evaluation in order to monitoring the projects and to advise the responsible operators in case is necessary. We gave to the program partners a technical and administrative feedback on the results from our visits in the field. Up to now, all the projects have been evaluated with their second partial reports, reviewing their progress and verifying them on the ground. We visited six projects in the region of Calakmul and five projects through the Lacandon rainforest.

#### **First round of Call of Proposals. Projects operating:**

Project Number	Project Name	Total Cost of the Project (USD)	\$ Progress	% progress	\$ left to be expended	% left to be expended
S-01-01	Management and conservation of native sting less bees of the Selva Maya of Chiapas and Guatemala	35,082.00	25,585.00	72.93%	9,497.00	27.07%
S-02-01	Study of the ethnobotanic and agroecological knowledge of the Lacandon inhabitants of Lacanha Chansayab, Lacandona Community, Chiapas	25,532.00	19,053.00	74.62%	6,479.00	25.38%
S-03-01	Training courses for resource keepers for the study and monitoring of terrestrial vertebrates in the Montes Azules Biosphere Reserve	16,459.00	13,484.00	81.93%	2,975.00	18.07%
S-04-01	Yax Balam honey harvesting center	17,104.00	17,104.00	100.00%	0	0
S-05-01	Plant nurseries as an alternative for sustainable development	29,836.00	26,448.00	88.64%	3,388.00	11.36%
S-06-01	School parcels in Calakmul County, Campeche	30,000.00	14,776.00	49.25%	15,224.00	50.75%
S-08-01	Use and availability of wildlife in the Lacandona Forest: environmental and cultural variability	29,500.00	15,344.00	52.01%	14,156.00	47.99%
S-09-01	Wealth and diversity of ichthyofauna in the Calakmul Reserve, Campeche, with some considerations for the sustainable use of waterways	34,951.00	25,009.00	71.56%	9,941.00	28.44%

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Cost of the Project (USD)	\$ Progress	% progress	\$ left to be expended	% left to be expended
S-10-01	Genetic-population structure of the Zopo ( <i>Guatteria anomala</i> R. Fries) an endangered species	17,705.00	17,346.00	97.97%	359.07	2.03%
S-11-01	Territorial ordinance and forestry management certification for two communities of the Sian Ka'an micro-region	24,704.00	18,205.00	73.69%	6,499.00	26.31%
S-12-01	Current status of white turtle populations in Southeastern Mexico	30,000.00	14,599.00	48.66%	15,401.00	51.34%
S-13-01	Strengthening of biological monitoring through training in fauna identification techniques and environmental education activities in the Emiliano Zapata ejido, Lacandona Forest, Chiapas	19,318.00	11,137.00	57.65%	8,182.00	42.35%
S-14-01	Rio Cedro Camp for protection, monitoring, research and recreational activities	30,000.00	24,645.00	82.15%	5,355.00	17.85%
S-18-01	Feasibility study for the development of an artisan business for women in the Frontera Corozal community	30,000.00	30,000.00	100%	0	0
S-20-01	Water quality diagnostic and solution alternatives for the communities of Corozal (Mexico) and Bethel (Guatemala) in the Selva Maya	38,510.00	29,600.00	76.86%	8,910.00	23.14%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>408,701.00</b>	<b>302,334.00</b>	<b>73.97%</b>	<b>106,366.00</b>	<b>26.03%</b>

### **Second round of Call of proposals, projects operating:**

Project Number	Project Name	Total Cost of the Project (DLS)	\$ Progress	% progress	\$ left to be expended	% left to be expended
S-01-02	Regional Strategy for the Conservation of Jaguars in the Selva Maya: "Jaguars without Borders"	57,190.00	6,142.00	10.74%	51,048.00	89.26%
S-02-02	Population density of Jaguars ( <i>Panthera Onca</i> ) and their prey in Arroyo Macabiero, Sierra del Lacandon National Park, and analysis of the effects of a dam on the Usumacinta River upon those populations	32,787.00	24,421.00	74.48%	8,366.00	25.52%
S-03-02	Evaluation of the state of conservation of the Scarlet Macaw's ( <i>Ara macao cyanoptera</i> ) habitat in the Selva Maya of Belize, Guatemala and Mexico, and protection of their nesting sites in Guatemala through community participation	32,787.00	18,429.00	56.21%	14,358.00	43.79%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122,764.00</b>	<b>48,991.00</b>	<b>39.90%</b>	<b>73,772.00</b>	<b>60.10%</b>

## **2. Additional supports and cancellations**

By suggestion and with the authorization from USAID in order to use the amount available from cancelled projects, we invitee four institutions and organizations that have current projects within our program that we thought could use more financial support to expand the accomplishment the goals of their projects. We did not open a new call for proposals, but we invited the projects with best performance. The projects to which we assign the additional support are the following:

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Cost of the Project (USD)	\$ Progress	% progress	Additional financial support
S-01-01	Management and conservation of native sting less bees of the Selva Maya of Chiapas and Guatemala	26.448,00	25,585.00	96.74%	8,634.00
S-02-01	Study of the ethnobotanic and agroecological knowledge of the Lacandon inhabitants of Lacanha Chansayab, Lacandona Community, Chiapas	14.188,00	13,381.00	94.31%	11,344.00
S-09-01	Wealth and diversity of ichthyofauna in the Calakmul Reserve, Campeche, with some considerations for the sustainable use of waterways	29.705,00	25,009.00	84.19%	5,246.00
S-20-01	Water quality diagnostic and solution alternatives for the communities of Corozal (Mexico) and Bethel (Guatemala) in the Selva Maya	29.989,00	29,600.00	98.67%	8,510.00

During this period we have to canceled three projects of the program, because the responsible organization (Selvas Latifoliadas) was not able to accomplish the fiscal rules agreed in the agreement established among CI and the organization.

The cancelled projects are the following:

### **Projects canceled**

Number	Project name	Institution	Total amount (USD)	Amount not expended and recovered
S-15-01	Strengthening of social participation in the conservation of the Montes Azules Biosphere Reserve, Chiapas, Mexico	Selvas Latifoliadas A.C.	9,119.00	4,296.00
S-17-01	Strengthening of environmental education in the CCEA and CECICODES community centers	Selvas Latifoliadas A.C	12,821.00	9,969.00
S-21-01	Ecological Restoration and Conservation in Ejido Ixcán	Selvas Latifoliadas A.C	23,823.00	11.071.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>45,763.00</b>	<b>25.336.00</b>

### ***3. Technical progress of the supported projects***

As an attachment to this report, we are sending a Power Point presentation on the current progress of each of the projects:

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Index Power Point Presentation Project Number	Project Name
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### ***4. Image and public dissemination of the program***

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We have been updated with images and information the web page of the “Seeds for Conservation” Program at the CI’s Web site. There is new graphic material and information for each of the projects provided by the field visits and the project’s technicians. This could be verified at the following Internet address:

<http://www.ci-mexico.org.mx/semillas.html> (spanish)

<http://www.ci-mexico.org.mx/seeds.html> (english)

### ***5. Next steps***

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- ❑ We are planning a field trip evaluation of the project located in Calakmul region as well in Guatemala

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- ❑ At April 20 we will presented the program progress to Claude Gascon, Ph.D. Senior Vice President, Regional Programs Division and Gustavo Fonseca PH.D Executive Vice President of Conservation International including a field trip and visit the Scarlet Macaw and Jaguar project.
- ❑ With the help of USAID the next 5th. of May at noon in the USAID office at Washington D.C. we will make a presentation on the progress of these program as well as discussion on a variety of lesson learned,